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DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY SAID THE FOLLOWING IN REPLY TO QUERIES ABOUT A NEW YORK TIMES STORY ON ISRAELI AID REQUEST FOR FISCAL 1976:

QUOTE: I WILL CONFIRM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS MADE A REQUEST FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, I AM UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE SPECIFIC AMOUNT CONTAINED IN THAT REQUEST. END QUOTE. ON BACKGROUND WAS ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT QUARREL WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE FIGURE SET OUT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY TODAY (MORE THAN TWO BILLION DOLLARS). IT WAS ALSO CONFIRMED ON BACKGROUND THAT THE REQUEST IS BEING STUDIED AND NO FIRM DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

AS A MATTER OF RECORD THE DEPARMENT ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL IN FISCAL 1974 WAS 2.577 BILLION DOLLARS (PLUS 35 BILLION DOLLARS IN EXPORTIMPORT BANK LOAN)AND IN FISCAL 1975, 698 MILLION DOLLARS PLUS 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOANS EXPECTED. KISSINGER

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